



## Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee

### no.2023-24/028 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Erste Liga game EL 115 (FEHA19 - Corona Brasov) case where in the 20th minutes Williams Owen (Corona Brasov) penalized 5+20 minutes game misconduct penalty for illegal check to the head or neck.

#### **IIHF RULE 48 ILLEGAL CHECK TO THE HEAD OR NECK**

There is no clean check to the head or neck. The Player delivering the hit must avoid hitting the opponent's head or neck. A hit resulting in contact with an opponent's head where the head was the main point of contact and such contact to the head was avoidable is not permitted. This rule supersedes all similar actions regarding hits to the head and neck.

When a Player is skating with their head up, whether they are in possession of the puck and may reasonably be expecting impending contact, an opponent does not have the right to hit them on the head or neck.

A penalty for "Illegal check to the head or neck" will be assessed if one of the following occurs when a player checks an opponent:

- (I) A Player who directs a hit of any sort, with any part of their body or equipment, to the head or neck of an opposing Player or drives or forces the head of an opposing Player into the protective glass or boards using any part of their upper body.
- (II) (II) A Player who extends and directs any part of their upper body to contact the head or neck of an opponent.
- (III) (III) A Player who extends their body upward or outward in order to reach their opponent or uses any part of the upper body to contact an opponent's head or neck.
- (IV) (IV) A Player who jumps (leaves their skates) to deliver a blow to the head or neck of an opponent.

#### **IIHF 48.4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion.

The Committee made the following conclusions:

**In the 20th minute of the game, Williams Owen hit his opponent's head during a collision. He jumped up from the ice, and delivered a direct and powerful hit his opponent's head with his elbow. The Commission assessed as an aggravating circumstance that, the Corona Brasov team was in a delayed penalty situation, despite this, the player didn't attempt to take possession the puck. Williams Owen's intention was exclusively to attack the head and neck area. The FEHA19 player was hit by the collision in a body position where he couldn't defend himself, which could easily have resulted in serious injury.**

**The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Williams Owen, player of the Corona Brasov for 4 Erste Liga games due to illegal check to the head or neck.**

The player will spend down his sentence at the next Erste Liga games.

*According the Erste Liga Competition Rules 72/B. § (1) the prohibition imposed an automatic fine on the Corona Brasov. The organization must pay a fine of EUR 400 according the 72/B. § (2).*

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